

**§ 597.502 Nominations by economic development corporations or the District of Columbia.**

Any urban area nominated by an Economic Development Corporation chartered by the State in which it is located or by the District of Columbia shall be treated as nominated by a State and local government.

**§ 597.503 Use of census data.**

Population and poverty rate data shall be determined by the most recent decennial census data available.

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**Subpart A—General Provisions****§ 598.1 Applicability and scope.**

(a) This part establishes policies and procedures applicable to the second and third rounds of designations of urban Empowerment Zones, authorized under Subchapter U of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1391, et seq.), as amended. Any reference to, or requirement of, Round II in this part is also a reference to, or requirement of, Round III.

(b) This part contains provisions relating to area requirements, the nomination process for urban Empowerment Zones, and the designation and evaluation of these Zones by HUD. Provisions dealing with the nomination and designation of rural Empowerment Zones are issued by the Department of Agriculture.

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**§ 598.2 Objective and purpose.**

The purpose of this part is to provide for the establishment of Empowerment Zones in urban areas, to stimulate the creation of new jobs—empowering low-income persons and families receiving public assistance to become economically self-sufficient—and to promote revitalization of economically distressed areas.

**§ 598.3 Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions of “HUD” and “Secretary” found in 24